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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
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21st August, 1889.

Dear Mr Muir:

We have not yet heard from you in regard to the set of the "Century", concerning which I believe Mr Scott wrote you some weeks ago, thinking it best to tell you how much they would cost before shipping them. He thought you would prefer this. I believe he has put them at their very lowest figure; about or quite at cost.

It will be a great favor to us if you could fix a date at which we might expect the Yosemite article. Meanwhile would it not be well for you to write a separate brief and vigorous article in regard to the Valley for our use in the December number, when I hope to present the subject. Judge Deming will do the same. I have not yet seen Judge Howland. I shall also write something, and I have a letter from Mackenzie. Can you think of anybody else who would be useful? Would Hutchings? If you think of anybody for the Letters will you have them written (and let them be short) and send them to me. They will all be particularly addressed to the question of the need ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the park ^{of} ~~for~~ expert guidance on the landscape side. I shall, however, hint at other abuses. Robinson has sent me a batch of material accompanied by a violent letter on the whole subject. It is a pity that the thing has been in the hands of such ^{extremist} ~~a~~ fellow as he.

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I have said that we shall tackle the subject in the December number. Do not be misled by this to suppose that it is a long way off. We are now working on the November; the October is closed up, and we shall need your letter as soon as you can send it.

Advocate the extension of the Park if you think best and I will add an editorial word backing it up. This will show all reasonable people that we are in no way opposed to the Commission.

Could Parry be of use to us with a short letter on the Yosemite? There will be no difficulty in the East in getting public sentiment to take our side. How to make it effective is another thing.

Robinson has gone to the Kings River Canon and has offered to send us sketches should we want them. We had some talk you know in regard to the wonders of this region. If you should like to prepare a paper on that Canon also I think perhaps we could make room for it.

Muir

Mr John Muir
Martinez, Cal.

With the kindest regards to Mrs.

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. Johnson.

Central Park is looking lovely

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